

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing of claims in the application:

### **LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

Claim 1 (Currently amended) An in-line skate with a shock-absorbing device comprising:

a boot having a bottom; and

a chassis attached to the bottom of the boot and comprising

a wheel frame (10) with a top surface, a bottom surface, a front end, a rear end, and a middle and having

a front wheel well (11A, 11B) formed on the bottom surface at the front end; and

multiple front wheels (12) mounted rotatably in a line in the front wheel well (11A, 11B);

a middle recess (14) defined at the middle between the front end and the rear end of the wheel frame (10) and forms two outer walls;

two pin holes (15) defined respectively in the two outer walls and aligned with each other; and

a pivot pin (16) mounted in the pin holes (15);

a rear wheel bracket (20) pivotally attached to the wheel frame (10) near the middle, extending toward the rear end of the wheel frame (10) and having a proximal end (21), a distal end and a rear wheel well (23) formed near the distal end, wherein the proximal end (21) of the rear wheel bracket (20) pivotally mounted in the middle recess (14) and having a through hole (22) defined in the proximal end (21) to align with the pin holes (15) in the wheel frame (10) through which the pivot pin (16) passes through to pivotally attach the rear wheel bracket (20) to the wheel frame (10);

a rear wheel (24) rotatably mounted in the rear wheel well (23) in the rear wheel bracket (20); and

a shock-absorbing device (30) attached pivotally to the rear end of the wheel frame (10) and the rear wheel bracket (20) at an angle other than perpendicular with respect to the wheel frame (10).

Claim 2 (Cancelled).

Claim 3 (Original) The in-line skate with a shock-absorbing device as claimed in claim 1, wherein

the wheel frame (10) further has an eye bracket (13) formed on the bottom of the wheel frame near the middle recess (14) between the middle recess (14) and the rear end of the wheel frame (10);

the rear wheel bracket (20) further has

a vertical limit formed on a top of the rear wheel bracket (20) between the proximal end (21) and the distal end; and

an eye bracket (26) formed on the top of the wheel bracket (20) forward of the vertical limit;

the shock-absorbing device (30) having a proximal end, a distal end, two pivot pins (33, 34) and two eyes (31, 32) formed respectively on the proximal and distal ends and pivotally attached respectively to the eye brackets (13, 26) with the pivot pins (33, 34).

Claim 4 (Original) The in-line skate with a shock-absorbing device as claimed in claim 3, wherein the shock-absorbing device (30) is a spring shock absorber.

Claim 5 (Original) The in-line skate with a shock-absorbing device as claimed in claim 3, wherein the rear wheel bracket (20) further has a brake (25) attached to the distal end of the rear wheel bracket (20).

Claim 6 (Original) The in-line skate with a shock-absorbing device as claimed in claim 5, wherein the brake (25) is a cylindrical abrasive block made of rubber.